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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
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MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this
Corporation will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
22nd day of August, 1908, at 12 o'clock
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts to 30th June, 1908.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1908. 1077

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
REGISTER of SHARES of the
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By Order of the Court of Directors,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1908. 1073

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for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1908.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 10th to
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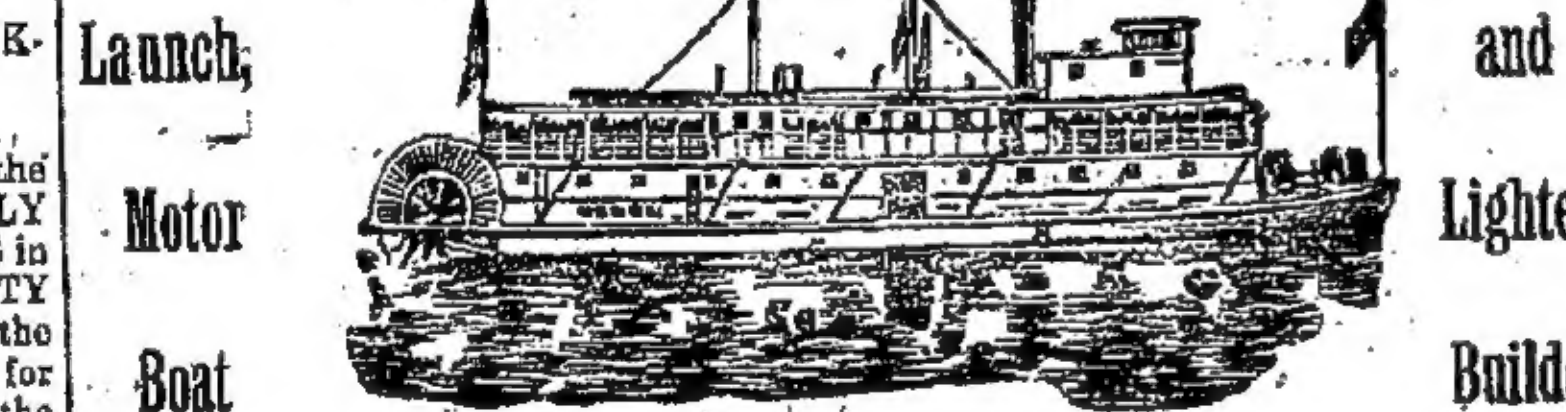
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1908.

RADIUM.SINCE Professor and Madame CURIE
succeeded in isolating radium the world
has been eager to find out all that can
be discovered of its wonderful prop-
erties. For the last four years, for
instance, experiments have been going
on to find out how long a life radium
has, in other words, how long will this
very peculiar substance remain what it
is before turning into something en-
tirely different. Some interesting dis-
coveries have been recorded along this
line of research, and it seems generally
accepted by all the experimenters that
radium is continually giving out an
emanation which ultimately changes in
chemical relationships, and loses in
weight thereby. In the opinion of
Professors RUTHERFORD and SOUDY,
two of the highest authorities, the
phenomena known collectively as
"radioactivity" are always accompanied
by atomic disintegration and the forma-
tion of chemically different atoms.Thus a certain proportion of all radium
atoms is being constantly transformed
into atoms of other substances. Says
Professor RUTHERFORD of Yale, in
an article contributed to *The American
Journal of Science*:—"A number
of estimates of the approximate order of
magnitude of the change occurring in
radium have been made by RUTHERFORD.
From the heating effect observed in
radium salts he at first calculated that
the half-life period of radium, i.e. the
time required for exactly half of a givenquantity of radium to disintegrate into
other substances, was about 300 years,
but shortly afterwards he decided upon
1,500 years as a more probable value."Later still, from electrical considerations,
he deduced the "half-value" 1,300
years, and different methods still gave
respectively 2,500 and 2,000 years—a
series embracing pretty wide variations,
although the numbers are all of the same
order of magnitude. Professor BOL-
WOOD says, however, that none of the
methods hitherto used can be ex-
pected to give more than an approxi-
mate result. He describes a method
of his own, which depends on what
he has named "radioactive equilibrium.""It follows, from the disintegration
theory, that in any system of radioactive
substances, consisting of a parent
element and a series of successive
disintegrating products, . . . when the
relative amounts of products have
reached their highest possible value,
and a state of radioactive equilibrium
has been attained in the system, the
number of atoms of the parent substance
disintegrating in unit time is exactly
equal to the number of atoms of each
successive product disintegrating in the
same period." Now in the case of radium,
owing to its rarity and its slow rate of
change, it is not at present possible by
direct measurements conducted with
radium compounds to accurately deter-
mine the rate at which disintegration is
taking place. The primary uranium
minerals, however, represent systems
which are certainly of sufficient age for
a state of radioactive equilibrium to
have been reached by the different
products. If, therefore, the parent
substance from which the radium is
formed can be separated from such a
mineral, and the amount of radium
produced by this parent can be
determined and compared directly with
the amount of radium with which it was
associated in the mineral, it is possible
to obtain a more accurate knowledge of
the constant change of the radium
than can be obtained by other methods.The constant proportion which has been
found to exist between the quantities of
uranium and radium in different
minerals is very conclusive evidence in
support of the assumption that radium
is a disintegration product of uranium,
but attempts made to detect the growth
of radium in compounds of pure
uranium indicated that if radium was
produced at all it was produced at a
very small fraction of the rate
which was to be expected from
other considerations. It was possible,
however, that the transformation of
uranium into radium was not a direct
one, and that the atoms of uranium
disintegrated to form atoms of an
unknown intermediate product with a
slow rate of change from which radium
was ultimately produced." This un-
known intermediate substance has not
only been proved by Professor BOL-
WOOD to exist, but he has actually isolated it,
and shown that it is a chemical ele-
ment, to which he has given the name
of "ionium." Measuring the rate at
which radium is produced from it, and
using this, in the way indicated above,
to calculate the rate of disintegration of
the radium itself, he concludes that the
"half-value" period of radium is about
2,000 years. In this period, therefore,
half the mass of any given piece of
radium existing to-day will have
disappeared—not merely evaporated
like water, but changed utterly into a
different substance, from which it can
never be recovered by any power or
process known to us.All our ideas of chemical constants
go by the board in the presence of
radium.The South-Manchurian Railway has
made arrangements with the N.Y.K. to
run the Koko Maru from Shanghai every
Friday, beginning August 14, to connect
at Dairen with the railway. The through
journey from Shanghai and London is ex-
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Diarrhoea Remedy as a medicine which
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keepers.**NEWS OF THE DAY.**According to the Hongkong corre-
spondent of the *L'Annam-Pekin*, the
damage done by the recent typhoon is
estimated at \$5,000,000.There were 240 European and 120
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 138 European and 1,667 Chinese visi-
tors to the Museum during the week ended
8th August.Many of the vessels in port were de-
corated yesterday in honour of the sixth
anniversary of the coronation of His
Majesty King Edward VII, and at one
o'clock a salute was fired.A mower of grass was brought before
Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's court,
charged with wounding a companion with
a scythe, during a quarrel at the Coffee
Plantation yesterday. The case was re-
manded and the injured man now lies at
the hospital.After being arrested for having a load-
ed revolver in his possession, while in an
intoxicated condition, Cornelius Anderson,
an engineer on board the s.s. *Aler*, was
bailed out in the sum of \$15. Having failed
to put in an appearance at the Magistrate's
court this morning, his bail was ex-
torted.The Rev. I. Genshr begs to acknow-
ledge with thanks the following donations
for the Blind Home now transferred to
Hongkong.Sum total already acknowledged ... \$217
R. Lenz, Esq., Canton ... 20
A. Friend of the Blind ... 10
Ho Kom Toog, Esq. ... 25
Messrs. Patel and Co. ... 25
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\$347The Bishop of Ipswich and Mrs. Paget
were among the well-known people who
visited Mr. Thomas Chaplin, of Nacton,
near Ipswich, on June 29, when he cele-
brated his hundredth birthday. This fine
old man was born at Nacton, spent fifty
years as gardener on the estate of Sir
Robert Harland, twenty years in the same
capacity under Colonel Tomline, and
fourteen in the service of the Rev. H.
Edgell and Mr. J. I. Plummer, now of the
Hongkong Observatory.The *Neueste Nachrichten* publishes
with pride the statement that there are
now seven battleships of the Dreadnought
class and two armed cruisers of the
Invincible class under construction in Ger-
man shipyards. Only the battleships
Nassau and Sachsen will be ready to com-
mission in 1909. A second submarine will
shortly be placed in commission, and the
Hanseatic Nachrichten states that the
High Sea Fleet will soon have four sub-
marines at its disposal.Lady Brandis, widow of the late Sir
Dietrich Brandis, for thirty years head of
the Forestry Department in India, who, on
retiring from the British service, took up
his residence in Bonn, has offered her late
husband's valuable collection of native
plants and of specimens of wood and timber
growing there to the town of Hamburg for
the moderate sum of 15,000 marks. The col-
lection has not its equal except in London.
The Senate, therefore, is anxious to secure
it and has applied to the Burgerschaft for
the necessary funds.It is reported in a London telegram of
July 28 to the *Nichi Nichi* of Tokyo, that
in reply to an interviewer, Mr. Lowelky,
the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs,
said that Russia wishes merely to maintain
the status quo in the Orient and has no
intention of carrying out a war of revenge
upon Japan or to take any aggressive steps.
Referring to the proposed Amur Railway
he said that the line is important for defen-
sive measure in the districts between
Vladivostok and the Amur.Twenty-seven new peerages in two and
a half years is a tolerably ample allowance
for a Radical Government, especially for
one which has professed to make a special
feature of resistance to the rights and
privileges of the House of Lords in its
practical aspect as a legislative Chamber,
remarks a home paper. The total up to
date works out at an average of something
over ten new creations a year—which not
only bears witness to the insatiable appetite
of Radicals for the hereditary honours
which they affect to despise, but also sug-
gests that there is some idea of reviving
the old scheme for "swamping" the Lords,
and of putting it into execution by a system
of rapid instalments. But if Mr. Asquith
seriously imagines that even a proportion
of his new peers, having secured their
coronets, will lend a hand in curtailing the
constitutional prerogatives and dignity of
their new order, he must be an even poorer
judge of human nature than his amazing
belief in the popularity of the Licensing
Bill seems to argue him.**A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA.**Messrs. Williamson & Co., of Jondah,
Queensland, writes: "Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
enjoys a great reputation in these parts.
It has effected some really remarkable
cures, and there is scarcely a home without
a bottle." For sale by all chemists and
storekeepers.**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**The Members of the Shanghai and Hong-
kong polo teams were the guests of His
Excellency the Governor at dinner on
Friday night at Government House.Bishop Brent of the Philippines, has
declined the bishopric of Washington,
rendered vacant by the death of Bishop
Satterlee, and will shortly return to the
Philippine diocese.Dr. Heiser, the Health Officer of Manila,
is travelling to America by the Mongolia
as delegate from the Philippines to attend
the Tuberculosis Congress which will be
held at Washington.The death has taken place at Bangkok,
of H.R.H. Princess Thipa Somphan, wife
of H.R.H. Prince Krom Num Chompon
Khet Udom Sakdi. The Siamese Court,
therefore, is placed in mourning.The engagement is announced of Miss
Anderson, daughter of His Excellency Sir
John Anderson, K.C.M.G., Governor of
the Straits Settlements, and Mr. Geoffrey
Farrant, of Messrs. Fraser and Co.Mr. Yamazaki, Counsellor to the Japanese
Embassy at London, Mr. Yoshida, Japanese
Minister to Siam, Mr. Ariyoshi, Secretary
to the Japanese Embassy at Paris, and Mr.
Kamei Ishikawa, Editor-in-chief of the
Jiji Shimpō, the leading newspaper in
Japan, are passengers by the Kamo Maru.**FIRE ON S. S. CRANLEY.**A rather serious fire broke out on the
S. S. Cranley yesterday. The vessel was
lying at Hung Hom Dock and smoke was
noticed to be issuing from that part of the
ship in which oil and paints were stored.
With the assistance of several pumps the
dock staff extinguished the flames and the
services of the fire float and the fire brigade
were not required, both having been sum-
moned.**A FEARFUL AND WONDERFUL
DOCUMENT.****English Legislation and The
Colonies.**In giving judgment in the Supreme
Court to-day in the action in which the
Hip On Insurance, Exchange and Loan
Co., Limited, and the Hongkong and
Manila Yuen Sheng Exchange and Trading
Company, Limited, sued Li Po Yang and
Li Po Kuan for \$49,052.82 as money lent
and the counter claim by Kwok Yik Ting,
His Lordship said this case was a by-
product of the tangled skein in which it
pleased the late Mr. Li Sing to leave his
affairs. Article 35 provided that, subject
to any agreement between partners, every
partnership is dissolved as regards all the
partners by the death of any partner.The main question involved in this case
being what happened to the Lai Hing firm
of which, so far as this case is concerned,
the trustees Lai Ling and Lai Kai Chuen
were the partners when Kai Kai Chuen
died. The answer must be the partnership
was dissolved unless the application of
Article 35 can be avoided. There was no
agreement between the partners on the sub-
ject. If this were an English statute
introduced into the Colony at the date
of the Charter and to be applied in so
far as local circumstances permit, there
would be much force in the argument
assuming the Chinese custom to be as
alleged. But this is an Ordinance
passed in 1897 by the local legislature, and
I can only hold, there being no reference
from and to end to Chinese customs, that
it was the deliberate intention to ignore
the Chinese customs of partnership. I
must point out to the Government the
extreme danger of reproducing Eng-
lish legislation bodily into the Colonial
Statute Book without at least con-
sidering the question how it may affect
the custom of the large body of Chi-
nese who are legislated for, and there ought
to be an express statement whether Chinese
customs are affected or not affected by the
law. Now what Wong Tong, as alleged as-
signee of Lai Kai Sing's share, is doing is
to assert a claim to certain specified property
which has passed to Lai Sing as sole owner
of the Lai Hing, subject to the rights of
Lai Kai Sing as explained. This is a claim
do and therefore his claim fails. The con-
tent of the Cheung Sheng bank, which is
based on this same ground, also fails. Many
other criticisms might be passed on the
assignment, but it is sufficient to say that
it is a fearful and wonderful document both
in fact and in law, and that it is at least
singular that as it was made so long ago
as November, 1905, no attempt seems to
have been made to set upon it and recover
the profits from the Cheung Sing until they
were attached by Li Po Kuan and Li Po
Yang. There only remains the question
used by Lai Sing in his will on which as
much stress was laid. It was said that
there was an admission that Lai Kai Sing
had a quarter of the Lai Hing. The al-
most that he said of this is that Lai Kai
Sing's share, which had been allowed
to remain in the business as above ex-
plained amounted to a quarter, but as it
was explained, this is not the time when,
nor the case the proceedings in which,
such a contention can be raised.**A STUBBORN DISEASE.**RHEUMATISM is considered by the
medical men to be the hardest dis-
ease there is to control, but Chamberlain's
Pain Palm has remarkable power over it.
One application will give relief. For sale
by all chemists and storekeepers.**HOME CRICKET.**(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

London, August 9.

Hampshire playing at Southampton—
beat Somerset by one wicket.Gloucestershire beat Worcestershire,
at Bristol, by sixty runs.Surrey won the match against Sussex
at Brighton by an innings and 20 runs.The Essex and Leicestershire matches
were drawn.**THE TROUBLE IN
TURKEY.****POLICE FIRED AT.**(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)

London, August 8.

The trouble in Turkey continues.

Riza Pasha the ex-minister for War and
all the prominent palace officials
belonging to the Camarilla have been
arrested.Raghib Pasha, the ex-chamberlain,
resisted arrest and fired at the police
from a window of his house. He was
ultimately secured.**H. E. SHUN 'CHUN HUN.****MAY BE CALLED TO OFFICE.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, August 9.

It is said in official circles that His
Excellency, Shun Chun Hun, the late
Viceroy of the Two Kwang, will shortly
be called to office.Viceroy Tuan Fong is to be appointed
to a position at Peking.**NEW GOVERNOR FOR MACAO.**Lieut-Col. J. A. Rocadas Ap-
pointed.Lieut-Colonel J. A. Rocadas has been
appointed to the position of Governor
of Macao. He is expected to arrive
at Hongkong from Lisbon, by the French
mail steamer on the 17th inst.**PORTUGUESE CONSUL
BANQUETED.****On Promotion from Vice
Consul to Consul.**The members of the Club Lusitano once
more displayed their well known hospitality
on Saturday evening, when they gave a
dinner to Mr. Jose Joaquim Leiria to com-
memorate his promotion from Vice-Consul
to Consul for Portugal, at Hongkong.Some seventy-five persons sat down to
the excellent dinner which had been catered
for by Mrs. M. Matthey of the Oriental
Hotel, under the personal supervision
of the able manager, Mr. C. Frerichs.
Mr. Leiria was escorted to his place at the
table by the chairman, Mr. J. L. S. Alves.
Mr. Leiria, who wore the decoration of
Knight Commander of the Portuguese
Order of Christ, occupied a position on the
right of the chairman, whilst the oldest
member of the club, Mr. Rosa Pereira
was on the left. The tables were most
elaborately decorated with blue and white
flowers. The banquet hall was also
magnificently furnished and the tables
were illuminated by electricity. The Portuguese
flag also occupied a prominent position at
the head of the staircase and the effect was
entrancing.From the spacious platform, Mr.
Machado's orchestra rendered sweet music
during dinner.The toast of "The King of Portugal"
was proposed by the chairman and was
drunk with all due respect and honour,
after which the chairman proposed the
health of the "Consul for Portugal," the
guest of the evening, to which Mr. Leiria
suitably replied and in turn proposed "Pro-
sperity to the Club Lusitano," a toast
which was received with the utmost
enthusiasm.During the evening Mr. Leiria received
a telegram from the Portuguese Consul at
Canton as follows:—I regret not being
able

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VICEROY TUAN FONG ON LEAVE.**PROVINCIAL TREASURER WILL ACT DURING ABSENCE.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, August 8.

During the 100 days Viceroy Tuan Fong is on leave the acting Provincial Treasurer will act as viceroy.

FINLAND.

LONDON, August 7.

The Finnish Diet has been opened. A stern speech from the Throne lamented the absence of a feeling of solidarity of interests with the Russian people, and the want of recognition of the justice of the obligations to the Empire imposed on the Finns.

The President of the Diet in his reply firmly insisted on the principle of independent administration, a departure from which would be considered as a disregard of Finnish rights.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, August 7.

St. Petersburg reports that the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires have exchanged notes referring to the demarcation of Russo-Japanese possessions in Saghalien.

TURKEY.

LONDON, August 7.

Sir Gerald Lowther, British Ambassador to Turkey has presented his credentials to the Sultan whom he warmly congratulated on behalf of his government on the introduction of the Constitution.

Sir Gerald's drive in state to the Porte was the occasion for a remarkable demonstration, the crowds cheering enthusiastically.

THE PARIS STRIKES.

LONDON, August 7.

Paris on Friday night was plunged in darkness for two hours owing to the strike of electricians and an ostentatious warning to the Prefect of the Seine for expelling the Federation of Trades Union from the Labour Exchange. Theatrical performances were stopped, and there was the greatest confusion in the cafes and elsewhere.

PRISONS IN TURKEY.

LONDON, August 7.

Troops returned to Smyrna from Salonika immediately released the criminals in the jails. Most prisons in Turkey are now empty.

PERSIA.

LONDON, August 8.

St. Petersburg wires that the "Yong Turk" have arrived at Tabriz, and are preaching the propaganda of a unification of Mussulman States under a Liberal constitution. The Daily Telegraph's Tehran correspondent reports a rumour that the people at Tabriz have declared themselves Turkish subjects.

ARMSTRONGS.

LONDON, August 8.

Armstrongs of Elswick are issuing a million sterling of four per cent debentures at 102½ for extensions of their works in Italy and Japan.

THE BALKANS.

LONDON, August 8.

Russia has communicated to the Powers the Anglo-Russian reform scheme for Macedonia, but, only for information, as in view of events in Turkey, she considers the Powers should defer any action implying distrust of the Sultan's wish to carry out reforms, and adds that Russia will follow attentively and sympathetically Turkey's efforts to assure the working of the new regime. For the present she will abstain from interference, but should the Sultan's measure be resultless, the powers must resume the work of reform. Great Britain follows the same course regarding the British proposals for a Macedonian mobile force.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM THE "N. C. DAILY NEWS,"]

GAMBLING AT SEOUL.

Tokyo, August 4.

The Japanese police at Seoul have arrested over ten Koreans who were coming out of gambling houses kept by an American and a German, who are awaiting themselves of extradition.

OUT OF DATE.—Bad medicines are out of date. Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil, the tonic and blood builder, is as delicious as the old port. Makes people strong, too.

CORONATION DINNER.

At the Kowloon Hotel.

The sixth anniversary of the coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII. was celebrated by a special coronation dinner at the Kowloon Hotel on Sunday evening. There was a considerable number of guests and the menu was all that could be desired. The proprietors had also very thoughtfully provided a pleasing souvenir of the occasion in the shape of a silk handkerchief bearing the bill of fare and the programme of music.

In addition there was a free cinematograph exhibition on the spacious lawn. In the afternoon the band of the 105th M. I. L. gave pleasing selections of music while the band of the 13th Rajputs was in attendance in the evening.

SPORTING.**Boxing Contests.**

O'Rourke vs. Simms.

There was a very large attendance at the City Hall on Saturday evening when three boxing contests were decided. Everything passed off in a most satisfactory manner under the able guidance of English Johnson, who acted as referee, and 1st Lieut. Carter, who fulfilled the duties of timekeeper with ability.

The principal event of the evening was the twenty-five round contest between "Batling" Simms of the U.S.S. Wilmington and "Jimmie" O'Rourke of the same ship. Both combatants fought to the finish and gave a very interesting exhibition of boxing. At times the excitement was very great. O'Rourke put up a splendid show and undoubtedly his tactics were very much superior to those of his opponent who did not hesitate to take any mean advantage that came in his way. Several times O'Rourke was sent to the boards, but every time unfairly. On the first occasion Simms gave his adversary a push and on every other occasion O'Rourke went down owing to Simms putting one arm round his neck and putting him down after the manner of wrestling. This sort of thing is neither gentlemanly or sportsmanlike and certainly could not be considered in the category of boxing under the Marquis of Queensberry rules. On another occasion Simms forced O'Rourke to the ropes and pressed O'Rourke's neck across the uppermost rope. Several other instances of a similar kind were manoeuvred by Simms, who, however, by no means escaped without severe punishment, notably after the twentieth round when O'Rourke put two or three effective shots in to every one given by Simms. O'Rourke who had been reserving his energy somewhat was undoubtedly the better man at this period. In the earlier rounds both men seemed fit and came to the attack with alertness and in the seventeenth round Simms was cautioned by the referee. On points O'Rourke would undoubtedly have won but the majority of his blows did not seem to have the effect that might have been expected of them and the referee's decision of a draw was no doubt a fair one. Simms appeared to be the heavier man, but each in turn took their punishment willingly and the wind of both men served them well.

The Simms vs. O'Rourke fight was a return match, their first encounter having resulted in a fifteen round draw at Shanghai, while "Jimmie" O'Rourke was serving on the U. S. S. Galveston.

"Shortie" McKenna of the U. S. S. Wilmington and "Annie" Coyne of H. M. Navy Yard were the first to enter the ring and in the six rounds of the contest some lively sparring was seen and the conclusion was a draw.

In the second preliminary round "Hoime" Miller beat "Jimmie" McFadden, of the U. S. S. Wilmington. Both men finished the six rounds and their exhibition of sparring was of a very interesting character and most enjoyable. At the conclusion of the sixth round the referee declared the result to be a draw and his decision was a popular one, both men being on a par with one another.

The King has graciously permitted the Royal Arms to be worn on their caps by all cricketers who have played for England in Test Matches. The cap is of dark blue cloth with the Royal Arms and Imperial Crown in silver lace.

AT THE POYANG LAKE.

Until recently, says the N. C. Daily News, foreign gunboats have made a practice of visiting Poyang Lake occasionally and remaining there for some little time in the interests of foreign trade. The Chinese have resented this action for years and it appears that the Government eventually made a request that no more foreign gunboats should visit those inland waters, undertaking at the same time, it is understood, that it would maintain order with its troops. The withdrawal of the foreign gunboats has been followed, however, by an incident that supplies a strong argument for the necessity of foreign supervision over foreign trade in that disturbed region. It appears that a quantity of opium was sent to Nanchang by the Asiatic Petroleum Co. The launch towing the cargo arrived at Nanchang in the evening and 300 cases of oil were unloaded that night. The launch people then decided to defer unloading the balance until the morning. A number of Chinese soldiers protecting to Kinkiang arrived there at that moment and, according to reports received here by the Company, threw all the balance of the cargo on to the shore and went about taking the remainder back to Kinkiang. The oil thrown ashore is said to have been damaged considerably, and as the whole cargo was intended to fill an urgent order the company was placed in a very difficult position. The matter has now been placed in the hands of Mr. Werner, H. M. Consul at Kinkiang.

AMOY NOTES.

VISIT OF AMERICAN FLEET.

August 4th, 1908.

Some more information is now available regarding this proposed visit. Tsoai Mei Hsing-Tsien, head of the Tientsin branch of the C.M.S.N. Co., is on his way to Amoy to join Vice-Admiral Shu Chen-Ping, the Commander-in-Chief of the Pujiang and Nanyang Squadrons of the Chinese Navy. He is to help in superintending the preparations for the Reception of the Fleet which we are now told is to arrive on September 14th, though surely this is an error, as up to now, we have been led to understand that it would not arrive before the middle or end of October. The Commissioner of Customs at Amoy, Mr. C.A.Y. Brown, will also be associated with the above-named Chinese gentlemen in welcoming the fleet.

The Chinese officials are to repair a number of ancient temples on the island of Kulangsu and Amoy, among them the fine temple at Nam-pao-tow. A wharf is to be made: a wide new road from this wharf through the village of Amoy Kang right up to the Nam-pao-tow Temple; a large Grand Stand, after foreign style, on the Parade Ground for the American Admiral and his staff to review Chinese troops, &c. Several hundred Japanese junks are to be purchased for the conveyance of the American officers, marines and sailors. A number of receptions will be arranged for so that every body from the various ships can be entertained during their stay as the welcome guests of the Chinese Government. All expenses incurred are to be charged to the account of the Chinese Government, since Amoy is to be the only port at which the American Fleet will call, and so the officers and sailors &c., are considered the guests of the whole country.

It is certainly an honour for Amoy to be singled out as the one port in China to be visited by this modern armada.

THE WEATHER.

Hot weather and strong North-Easterly are the order of the day, the result of the peripatetic typhoons that have been hovering round for the past week. They have not come near enough to bring any rain so far, only tremendous heat and violent winds. After reading of the damage done last week at Hongkong and Canton, folks here got perhaps a little scared, so for several days water boats and sampans have sought shelter in quiet corners of the harbour, but are creeping out again, somewhat doubtfully, since they hardly know if the danger is over or not. There seems always a likelihood of risk so long as the wind keeps in the North-East quarter, and it has not changed yet, though it blows more fitfully. We are naturally hoping to escape, but the Chinese themselves, with their usual tendency to superstition, say Amoy will certainly get a typhoon this year.

AMOY TRADE.

The principal imports from July 25th to 31st were: Borneo Oil in bulk: 12830 gals; Sumatra Oil in bulk: 8500 gals; Beans and Bananac, 57,067 pels; Wheat, 617 pels; Flour, 6918 pels; Rice, 13,314 pels; Cal, 1998 tons; Vornidell, 488 pels.

The chief exports were Sugar and Sugar Candy, 8300 pels; Hemp sackings, 8230 pels; paper, 410 pels; Kittysols 1100 pels.

NANNING NOTES.

We have had a very wet season, but the rain now is happily over. The river rose 30 ft. above low water level, higher than it has been for some years. Much Hong Kai and other business streets were flooded but not much damage has been done to the crops locally.

The Governor has returned to Kueilin. He is expected back before very long. It has been understood here for some time that the Provincial government must of necessity be transferred here, not only because Nanning is the centre of trade but also on account of the constant unrest and rebellion in the neighbourhood.

The move will probably take place gradually to avoid unnecessary expenditure. The growing power and influence in China of the merchants is very remarkable and we had a curious example of it here the other day. A small official from the country was confined by the magistrates in his yamen to answer to a certain charge, but was released on the promise of the payment of a fine. The culprit balked, however, and he was not to be found at the shop in the town at which it was supposed he had been lodging. The shop keeper was seized and the money demanded from him, which he indignantly refused to give. The guild took the case up and wired a complaint against the officials to Peking. The end of it was that the shop keeper was escorted, with honours and the firing of crackers, from the Yamen back to his residence.

We have had both British and German gunboats with us. H.M.S. "Moonhorn" was able to make trips both to Longshan on the border of Tonkin and to pass near the Yamen frontier. It was quite a pleasure to have so many Englishmen with us for so long a time and a novel sight to see over 20 foreigners at the Sunday English Service in the Medical Mission Chapel.

The officials have begun work on the new Military College and a road is being constructed from the Foreign Settlement to facilitate the construction. The College is to have accommodation for 8,000 military students; they are to be drawn from provinces outside the two Kwangs and after a three years' course of instruction sent to their homes to help form a reserve army.

Among recent visitors to Nanning, we have had the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. O. T. Blanchet, of the O. M. S. in Pakhoi, Mr. Pearson, the British Consul of Hollow and Pakhoi and Captain Briery.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, July 10.

Sir Chandra Shamsur Jung, Prime Minister of Nepal, has just completed a week's stay in Scotland, Edinburgh being his head quarters. As the guest of the nation, he was received with all fitting ceremony by the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh and Glasgow. His movements excited an unusual amount of curiosity, and every detail was chronicled in the newspapers. One writer describes the Maharajah as "dusky, while his pleasant features are by no means detracted from by his excessively white teeth." Another says, "He has an alert expression, a dignified and impressive bearing." It was matter of remark that he displayed a keen interest in Scottish affairs, and was familiar with the leading characteristics of our national life and history.

When in Glasgow with his suite, the newspapers were full of his doings. It was at the Municipal Buildings, according to the reports, that the "most remarkable part of the day's proceedings took place," and they are thus described:—"The Maharajah, according to custom, dined apart from the Europeans, and was accompanied in a private room adjoining the Banqueting Hall, from which opened a door into the kitchen. To the latter apartment, the Prince's cooks were shown, but none of the City officers were permitted to enter. In fact, the approaches were barricaded. No body but the cooks were permitted to see the food being prepared for the Maharajah's luncheon, and it was conveyed direct from the private kitchen into the small apartment where the Prince was seated."

In the course of one of the drives near Edinburgh, the Maharajah passed the ruins of Cruggillar Castle, famed in the story of Mary, Queen of Scots. He was puzzled to see such a fine building remaining unoccupied. How was it, he asked the Lord Provost, that some younger member of the Royal House did not arrange to reside there? And, failing that, why some other public representative, the Lord Provost himself, for instance, did not live in the building? The Lord Provost confessed that he could not find any reply.

We have had other and more interesting visitors than the Maharajah.—"That somewhat mysterious personage," as he has been called. It is a testimony to the enduring hold which Scotland has on the affections of her children that each summer we should have an influx of "exiles" from the remotest parts of the world eager to visit their native, or it may be their ancestral, country. And it is a striking testimony to our racial qualities that so many of these visitors have risen to the highest posts in the new countries in which they have made their homes. It is not true that a Scot never returns to Scotland, he sometimes does, for a visit. We have the Hon. William Kidston at present amongst us. He is a Falkirk "Bairn," as the inhabitants of the town love to describe themselves; worked for some time as an iron moulder; left this country to better himself; and now returns as Premier of Queensland. Of course he has been "fed," and has received the freedom of his native burgh. It was observed that at one of the lunquets, when every one else was smoking cigars or cigarettes, he contented himself with the homely briar. Not only so, but he took a pad of paper out of his pipe, which showed that, like a careful Scot, he knew the value of the "dottle."

Another visitor who has sprung from the people and risen to the highest honour is Sir Joseph Carruthers, ex-Premier of New South Wales. He is the son of a Glasgow man, a "gutter-brood." His principal remark about Glasgow is that its cobble-paved streets give forth a head-splitting noise, and that it would be better if they were paved with Colonial hard wood. Mr. J. F. Thallon, Commissioner for Railways in Queensland, is also here, his object being to make a report on the railways of the country. He is a native of Markinch, and was for twenty years in the North British Railway service.

Much regret is expressed at the death of Lord Blythwood, one of the best known noblemen in the West. He was a soldier, a politician, a student, and a trusted personage at the Court. In his youth, while in the Scots Guards, he fought in the Crimea. Afterwards he was connected with the 4th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Queen's Own Lancers, and the 3rd Highland Light Infantry, known as the "Black and White Rifles." He was one of the largest landed proprietors in Glasgow, his estate including Bedford Street, Douglas Street, Mains Street, and Blythwood Square. In politics, he was a strong Conservative, and in the seventies, he took part in historic contests for Renfrew. His opponent being his brother officer, "Colonel Muir Caldwell." At the great meeting in St. Andrew's Hall, when Mr. Chalmers made his first important announcement on Tariff Reform, Lord Blythwood was on the platform, and was a wholehearted supporter of the right honourable gentleman's views. He joined the "Edinburghian" in 1887, and was for several years Grand Master of the Craft in Scotland. Taking a great interest in public affairs, those did not occupy his whole attention, for he was described as "a born master of mechanics." His laboratory and workshop at Blythwood were admirably equipped, and here in the spare moments of a busy life he carried through much valuable research work. At the time of the discovery of the X rays, his Lordship was experimenting on lines similar to those followed by Professor Röntgen, and he had already succeeded in transmitting rays of light through solid bodies before the public announcement of the German scientist's investigations was made. He made several important discoveries, and he was also actively interested in the problem of aerial navigation, and carried through numerous experiments.

An unusual compliment has been paid to Mr. Herbert Samuel, M.P., Under Secretary for the Home Department. The members of the Grand Committee entertained him to dinner as a tribute to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the Committee stage of the Children's Bill. In the course of his speech, Mr. Samuel made an interesting revelation. The measure, it seems, owes its initiation to Mrs. Inglis of Edinburgh. She sought an interview with the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and pressed upon him the urgent need for a codification and an extension of the law relating to children. The late Prime Minister was so impressed by the case she made out, that he called the attention of the Home Office to the matter, and directed Mr. Samuel to see Mrs. Inglis. As the result of consultation with that lady, the drafting of the Bill was entered upon, and now it is safely on its way towards the statute-book.

Lord Lovat, the chief of the Clan Fraser, is invited to attend the celebrations at Quebec, and the Frasers in Scotland have asked him to take an address of greeting to the clansmen in the Dominion. The address says,—"We recall with pride how your fathers and ours fought shoulder to shoulder, and won fame and glory in your own country in the stirring times of 1757 and 1762. Are we not both sons of the man who on the Heights of Abraham made 'Fraser Highlanders' synonymous with bravery? There are still living in the Highlands, it may be stated, descendants of the Frasers who fought in these battles under General Simon Fraser."

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MRS. TAFT AND THE DIVORCE QUESTION.

NEW HAVEN, July 1.

If a woman could be President of the United States of America, and that woman were Mrs. William Howard Taft, there would be no divorces granted to anybody, for any cause whatever—that is if such a thing were in the power of a President. This is what Mrs. Taft said to-day.

"Yes, if it were in my power, divorce would be stopped entirely. Of course, there are cases where separation might be legally granted, but there should be no remarriage allowed. The laxity of our divorce laws is a menace to the very moral fibre of our nation. It is an appalling evil and it seems to be on the increase instead of diminishing. I remember the time when one read of persons one never knew who obtained divorces, but now every one comes in contact with divorced people—in every class of society—one's own personal friends on every hand. It is countenanced by the so-called highest social circles, and it is made light of, and a woman, in many instances, is received with as much favour after she is divorced as she was before. Such conditions are shocking and are most demoralizing. Wherever and whenever I could do anything to influence legislators to make more stringent divorce laws I would do it, and I believe that every woman in America should feel the same way."

"To begin with, if divorces are to be granted at all there should be a uniform divorce law for all the States—for the nation—and then there would be no opportunity to evade it as is being done at the present time."

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COMMERCIAL.

Business is very dull in Hongkong to-day; indeed, if the words of the brokers are to be believed it is almost non-existent.

A statement of the volume of trade between Sheffield and Bradford and the United States, which has just been issued, shows a great decrease. Bradford's decrease in exports to the United States during the first six months of 1908 amounted to more than \$2,500,000. Sheffield's decrease in the last three months amounted to \$569,000, while in the value of steel imports Sheffield fell from \$315,895 to \$333,145.

"Genoa and Milan, Italy, are to be connected by a marvelous electric railroad eighty-five miles in length, which is to cost \$47,000,000." The excessive cost of it is owing to the nature of the country through which the line will pass. It will require nineteen tunnels, one of which will be twelve miles long. There will be 372 bridges and the road will be six years in the course of construction. The cost of the line construction alone will be \$300,000 per mile. The line will be double-tracked and there will be no grade-crossings. Trains will consist of three cars, each accommodating fifty passengers. It is proposed to run twenty trains a day, and it is estimated that the daily traffic will be 6,000 passengers. A very complete schedule has been arranged to take care of the express and local traffic, as well as the freight of that section of the country. The power will be derived from a 24,000-horse-power hydraulic generating-plant.

According to the Iron and Steel Trades Journal, the proposed international combine of foreign steel firms, which intends to usurp the entire trade of the United Kingdom, is now completed. It is composed, according to this announcement, of American, Belgian, Russian and German concerns, including the Carnegie trust, three Russian concerns and four German firms. The new trust will be represented throughout the United Kingdom, it is said, by highly paid agents, who will be instructed to make a strong bid for the British home trade at prices below those at present ruling in the market, and lower than the British manufacturers can afford to make. The Journal adds that the British steel market is at present in a condition unique in its history. For many years large quantities of foreign steel have been dumped into Great Britain at a price lower than it can be produced by the British makers, and as a result, the market is in a state of price unrest which bids fair to end in chaotic conditions. British, Scottish and Welsh producers have taken steps to form an amalgamation to fight the foreign trust.

Messrs Speyer Brothers and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation offer for sale \$1,250,000 of Four per Cent "A" Debenture bonds of the Manila Railway company, at the price of 83 per cent, payable as to 25 per cent on application and 478 on the 16th inst. These bonds are, in effect, a first charge on the old system of 208 miles of railway through the company's holding of the entire stock and bond capital of the Manila Railway Company (an American company); while, in addition, they will be similarly secured upon about 444 miles of new lines now under construction, which are expected to be completed by 1913. According to estimates given in the prospectus, it is expected that in 1913, the first year of the completed system of 652 miles, the net earnings will be \$200,000 against a total fixed charge, on the maximum of \$3,250,000 of "A" Debenture bonds, of \$130,000. Estimates for the current year place the net receipts from the old system at \$113,200, the charge on the "A" Debenture bonds being \$68,000. The authorized capital of the company is \$1,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 is in five per cent. Preference shares and \$2,000,000 in Ordinary shares of \$10 each, together with \$3,500,000 of Four per Cent Debenture bonds and \$3,250,000 of Four per Cent "B" Debentures.

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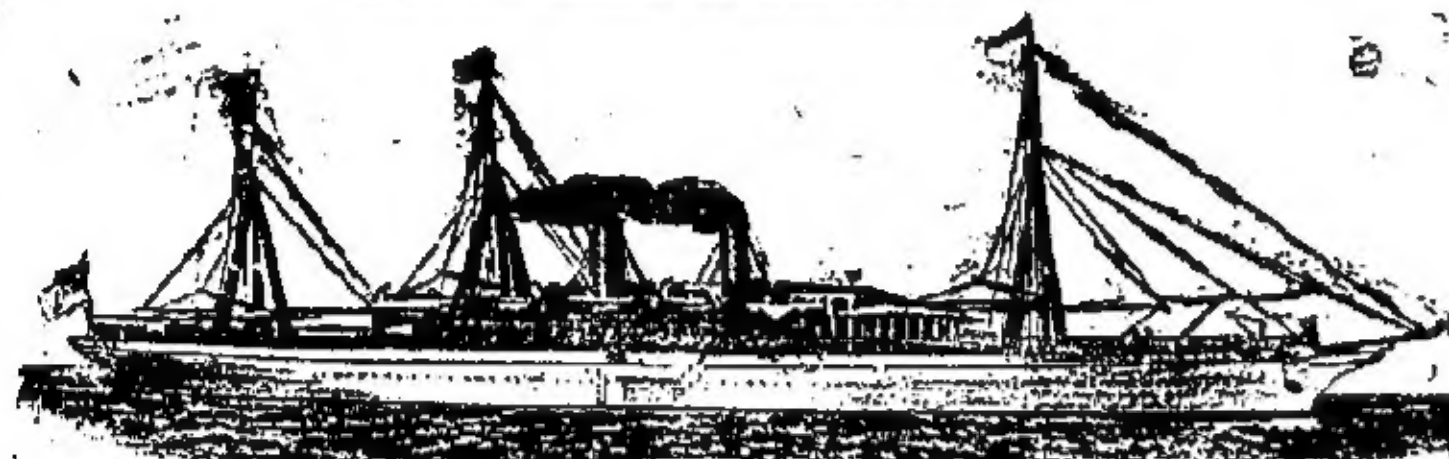
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DELTA	Sept. 19	BRITANNIA	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
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* NYANZA	Aug. 26	Oct. 11
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Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo:-
From London, &c., ex a.s. Mongolia.
From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. and P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.
Goods not cleared by the 11th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
F. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, August 5, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship Catherine Apsar having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at Consignee's risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 8th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.
Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside; and any Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents,
Hongkong, August 6, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER RAJCA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.
Goods not cleared by the 13th August, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
F. J. ABBOTT,
Acting Superintendent,
Hongkong, August 7, 1908.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENGOE.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, damaged, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 11 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
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CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

In a letter to the London Guardian the Church of England Bishop of South Tokyo sums up in a very clear manner what he considers to be the present mental attitude of his converts. To quote his words:—"Before long the foreign missionaries will be obliged to resign all their powers into the hands of the independent Japanese pastors and to retire from the country. There would then remain only a few as professors of theology. As long as the present state of things continues, there are not likely to be great changes in the doctrines, constitutions, or ceremonies of the churches. But once the foreign influence is finally eliminated, we may expect a series of profound changes, and an elaboration of doctrines tending to fuse the ideas of the Orient and Occident."

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:-

On the 10th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has risen quickly over Japan, and a slight rise has taken place also over the E. coast of China.

An area of high pressure is spreading over Japan from the Eastward, and pressure is at present relatively low over the Eastern Sea and the Pacific to the S. of the Looches.

Fresh variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and from monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Telegraphic communication between the Observatory and Hongkong is interrupted. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

- 1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: W. to S.W. winds, moderate or fresh; unsteady, thunder showers.
- 2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds, fresh.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Looches: Same as No. 1.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

To-day's Advertisements

WANTED.

BY THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. (Kowloon Works) a FARM FOREMAN. Applicants must be Europeans not over 50 years old, energetic, intelligent and able to speak Cantonese fluently. Apply in the first instance by letter with copies of Testimonials to Works Manager, HOK ON CEMENT WORKS, KOWLOON. Hongkong, August 10, 1908. 1116

FOR SALE.

LOT No. 52, British Concession, PROPERTY OF THE CANTON CONDIMENT HOUSE COMPANY, is hereby advertised for Sale until the 10th of September next. Tenders to be sent to the Secretary. L. ALBERT. Canton, August 10, 1908. 1105

TO LET.

SHOP, No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on 1st floor. OFFICES, Nos. 12 & 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor. No. 3, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon, on Lease. Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE. Hongkong, August 10, 1908. 25

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

FOR EUROPE.

THE Steamship

SO-ARNDORST, Captain L. MAASS, will leave on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., at Noon.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Company's Steamship HAUENBURG, Captain Passenow, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 14th inst., at 2 p.m.

A Reduction of 20% on First-Class Fares to Foochow, will be made during the months of August and September.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAURENCE & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, August 10, 1908. 1108

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Company's Steamship AUSTRALIAN, Captain Vanecko, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 17th August.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, August 10, 1908. 1107

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, August 10, 1908.

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

August 8.

Chow Tai, German steamer, 1,115, W. Moller, Bangkok July 31, Risch, Butterfield & Swire.

August 9.

Haiman, British steamer, 638, A. J. Robson, Foochow, via Amoy & Swire.

August 8, General.—DORRIS STRAIGHT CO.

General, British str., 1,662, J. Jenkins, Saigon August 8, Rice and General.—CHINESE.

General, British str., 4,284, H. Nish, Liverpool July 4, and Singapore August 4, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

General, British str., 2,965, M. Yagi, Seattle and Shanghai August 6, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

General, Dutch str., 3,061, N. v. Wyck, Juruanan, Yokohama July 23, and Amoy Aug. 8, Coal and General.—JAYA-CHINA JAPAN LINE.

General, British steamer, 3,005, R. J. Woodget, Shanghai August 6, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

General, German steamer, 760, Hansa, Haiphong and Hongkong August 8, Rice and General.—JESSEN & CO.

General, British str., 1,237, E. Forey, Swatow August 8, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

General, German str., 640, D. Henk, Kwong-chow-wan August 5, and Macao 9, General.—JESSEN & CO.

General, French steamer, 750, J. Fannier, Haiphong and Kwong-chow-wan August 5, General.—A. R. MARY.

General, U.S. str., 1,500, C. M. McCornick, Manila August 6.

General, British str., from Canton.

General, Norwegian str., from Canton.

General, British str., 2,883, R. Glegg, Keelung August 7, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General, Chinese str., 1,536, Wm. H. Lunt, Shanghai August 6, General.—C. M. S. N. CO.

General, Japanese str., 3,317, I. Fukui, Koshikabe August 5, Coal—MITSUBISHI KAISHA.

General, Japanese str., 2,992, K. Koi, Bombay and Singapore August 3, Kowloon and Canton.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

General, British steamer, 1,517, D. A. King, Shanghai via Swatow August 8, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

EXCLUSIVE OF LATE ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES REPORTED TO-DAY.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Shipping midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

Section 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

Section 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Office.

Section 4. From Harbour Office to the Market.

Section 5. From the Market to Pender's Wharf.

Section 6. From Pender's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Building.

Section 8. From Blue Building to East Point.

Section 9. From East Point to Kowloon Wharf.

Section 10. From Kowloon Wharf to the Harbour Office.

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